

33rd Annual Spring Nature Festival



"Reading the Season"

Warriors' Path State Park

Kingsport, Tennessee

Friday - Sunday

April 20, 21 & 22, 2012

Delve a little deeper into nature's wonders this spring. Discover the variety of nature in *your* state park. Come away with a deeper understanding of the living world of springtime. Enjoy lasting memories of the scenic beauty of Warriors' Path.

This weekend you can participate in seminars taught by professionals, and walks guided by trained naturalists. Each will highlight a different area of natural history, and a different part of the park. Each walk and each seminar will be a part of a *natural* pathway of discovery.



Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 PM ANIMAL TRACKING AND SIGNS - Our fellow creatures leave a variety of living stories. Learn to read tracks and other signs of wildlife activity. Join *Ranger Marty Silver* at the Recreation Building.

7:30 PM MOTHS - Enjoy a short slide-illustrated talk on these lovely fliers of the night. Meet with *Larry McDaniel* of Steele Creek Park at the Recreation Building.

8:00 PM NIGHT HABITATS WALK - *Rangers Marty Silver* and *Tim Pharis* of Warriors' Path will guide us on a night discovery walk. Meet at the Rec. Building Parking lot and we will carpool.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 AM BIRDLIFE SEMINAR - Gain new insights into the lives and habits of our common birds. *Tom McNeil* of Northeast State will share his deep understanding of spring birds. This lecture will be held at the Recreation Building.

8:30 AM BIRD WALK - *Tom McNeil* and *Ranger Tim Pharis* will help us understand and identify spring birds and bird behavior. Meet at the Recreation Building Porch.

9:30 AM NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY SEMINAR - *Jeff Sturgill* of Ritz Camera will give us practical tips for better photography outdoors. This lecture will be held at the Recreation Building.

10:30 AM SPRING SCENIC WALK - Try the skills you learned at the photo seminar, or just enjoy the spring scenery. *Mark Peacock*, Milligan College (and Appalachian Treks Blogspot), and *Jennifer Price*, Kingsport Naturalist, will be our guides on this ridgeline hike. Meet at the Recreation Building parking lot, and we'll carpool.

11:30 AM PLANTS & POLLINATORS SEMINAR - *Don Holt* and *Larry McDaniel*, Naturalists from Steele Creek Park, will acquaint us with spring plants and the butterflies and other creatures that pollinate them. Meet at the Recreation Building.

12:30 PM PLANTS & POLLINATORS WALK - Our guides, *Larry McDaniel* and *Don Holt*, will bring us to a bright display of spring wildflowers and their amazing insect pollinators on this ramble through the Overlook. Meet at the Rec. Building parking lot, and we'll carpool.

1:00 PM STREAM ECOLOGY SEMINAR - *Gary Barrigar* and *Cathy Landy* of Boone Watershed Partnership will help us discover the incredible life of flowing waters. This lecture will be held at the Recreation Building.

SATURDAY, CONTINUED

1:30 PM CREEK WALK - Walk through the clear cool waters of Fall Creek, to experience a living community. Wear old clothes and sneakers, and meet *Cathy Landy* and *Gary Barrigar* at the Recreation Building parking lot. We'll carpool to the creek.

3:00 PM GEOLOGY SEMINAR - *Jeremy Stout* of Steele Creek Park and *Bob Van Gundy* of Clinch Valley College will offer special insights into the importance of those rocks beneath the spring landscape. This lecture will be held at the Rec. Building.

4:00 PM GEOLOGY WALK - Take a walk along a stony river bank, and learn the dynamic stories of a changing land. Meet *Bob Van Gundy* and *Jeremy Stout* at the Pool Parking Lot.

5:00 PM TREES & WILDFLOWERS SEMINAR - Come learn to observe spring trees and plants. This lecture will be taught by *Bill Cawood*, Natural Tunnel State Park, and *Bob Culler* of Bays Mountain Park. Meet at the Recreation Building.

6:00 PM TREE & PLANT LIFE WALK - Come walk with *Bob Culler* and *Bill Cawood* beneath the fresh green trees of this new season. Meet at the Overflow Campground.

7:00 PM SUNSET WALK - There's no better place to observe the land than in these old fields and forested ridges. Come watch the evening darken the spring landscape, in one of the richest wildlife habitats in our park. Our leaders will be *Kevin Hamed* of VA Highlands Community College, and *Brad Jones* of Johnson City Parks & Recreation. Meet at the Pool Parking Lot, and we'll carpool.

8:30 PM SPRING NIGHT SKIES - Gather beneath the dark sky and learn the lore of the spring stars. *Bob Van Gundy* of Clinch Valley College will share his knowledge and astronomical tools. Meet at the Pool Parking Lot.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE AND CONCERT - Share uplifting music and an inspiring message with *Kerry Doyal*, pastor and the *Worship Team* from Grace Bible Church. Meet at the Recreation Building.

10:30 AM SPRING LANDSCAPES WALK - Reflect on the land's rich gifts as we hike the Backbone Trail. Enjoy Sunday morning in the woods with *Ranger Marty Silver*. Meet at the Rec. Building parking lot, and we'll carpool.

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